## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

## NOTICE OF FILING

## **DOCKET NO. 2005-399-C**

Alltel Holding Corporate Services, Inc. ("AHCSI") and Alltel Communications, Inc. ("ACI"), (collectively referred to as "Petitioners"), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-310 have filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") a Joint Application for approval of the following: (i) the transfer of ACI's authority to provide local exchange services to AHCSI; (ii) certification to AHCSI to provide resold long distance services in South Carolina; and (iii) the transfer of local exchange and long distance resale customers from ACI to AHCSI. The Petitioners' further request that AHCSI be regulated subject to alternative regulation as was first granted to ACI by the Commission in Order No. 98-484 in Docket No. 98-214-C, and flexible regulation as first granted in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 issued in Docket No. 95-661-C. The only change apparent to customers will be in the change of the name of the customers' service provider. AHCSI's name will be changed before this transfer is effective; however, the new name has not been determined as of the date of the filing of this Joint Application. AHCSI is a privately held corporation with principal offices located on a temporary basis at One Allied Drive, Building 2, Little Rock, Arkansas. Upon Approval by the Commission, AHCSI can provide business and residential customers an integrated set of telecommunication products and services, including local exchange, local access, domestic and international long distance telephone, data and dial up access to the Internet. ACI is a privately held Delaware corporation with principal offices located at One Allied Drive, Building 5, Little Rock, Arkansas. The proposed transfers are part of the separation of the wireless and wireline business of Alltel Corporation. In connection with that separation, the local exchange and long distance resale business of Alltel Communications will be transferred to and become a part of the new wireline business and a new name will be adopted. After the effective date of the transfer, AHCSI will provide the same local and long distance telecommunications services to former customers of ACI.

A copy of the Joint Application is on file in the offices of the Commission, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's web site at www.psc.sc.gov, and is available from Robert D. Coble, Esquire, Nexsen Pruet, P.O. Drawer 2426, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 3, 2006** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2005-399-C.* 

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify the Docketing Department in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at Post Office Box 11263, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Robert D. Coble, Esquire, at the above address, on or before **February 3, 2006** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No.* 2005-399-C.

Any person who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before **February 3, 2006**. *Please refer to Docket No.* **2005-399-C**.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100.

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